

What is claimed is:

1. A chew toy for an animal comprising:

a corn cob impregnated with a flavoring agent, the corn cob having a predetermined length  
and having a full cross-section corresponding to the cross section of the corn cob in  
5 a natural, unground state.

2. The chew toy of claim 1 wherein the flavoring agent is salt.

3. The chew toy of claim 1 wherein the corn cob is further impregnated with vitamins  
10 and other nutrients.

4. A method of wearing down a rodent's teeth comprising feeding the rodent a corn  
cob impregnated with a flavoring agent, the corn cob being unground and having a  
predetermined length.

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5. The method of claim 4 further comprising using salt as the flavoring agent.

6. The method of claim 4 further comprising impregnating the corn cob with vitamins  
and other nutrients.

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7. A method of providing a chew toy for an animal, comprising:  
soaking a corn cob in a solution containing a flavoring agent, removing the corn cob from  
the solution, the corn cob having its full natural cross section and having a  
predetermined length,

25 drying the corn cob; and

permitting an animal to chew on the corn cob after the corn cob has been soaked and dried,  
and while the corn cob has its full natural cross section and has the predetermined  
length.

30 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising using salt as the flavoring agent.

9. The method of claim 7 further comprising soaking the corn cob in a solution containing vitamins and other nutrients.